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An English abstract of Japanese Patent document is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Office Action citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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